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1. INFORMATION IN REFTELS IS HELPFUL BOTH IN ITS OWN
RIGHT AND AS A CROSSCHECK ON WASHINGTON VIEW OF PROGRESS.

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WASHINGTON SUPPORT FOR TASK FORCE EFFORTS, WHICH IS
MOVING ALONG WELL, HAS NOT BEEN CONFINED TO THE
FORMAL SUBMISSIONS DISCUSSED PARA 3 REFTEL A. BESIDES
TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH NATO TASK FORCES, THERE HAVE
BEEN FREQUENT LIAISON VISITS TO BRUSSELS, ACCHAN, SHAPE
AND NORFOLK, INCLUDING RECENT VISIT OF CDR. JACOBS TO
SHAPE AND USNATO FOR DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES,

AS WELL AS TASK FORCE VISITS TO WASHINGTON.

2. WE ARE AWARE THAT NATO TASK FORCES WILL NOT FIND IT

A SIMPLE TASK TO LAY OUT ALL THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS IN PROGRAMMATIC DETAIL. AS WE HAVE INDICATED EARLIER (STATE 208996, DTG 312343Z AUG 77), MINIMUM PROGRAMMATIC DETAIL INCLUDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN, ITS PHASING, INDICATION OF THE COUNTRIES OR NATO AGENCIES

INVOLVED, AND AN IMPUTATION OF NEW COSTS, (PROGRAM COSTS NOT YET INCLUDED IN PROJECTED COUNTRY BUDGETS), SO THAT COUNTRIES COULD AT LEAST HAVE A FEEL FOR WHAT THEY WERE BEING ASKED TO DO. IN SOME KEY CASES, A GOOD DEAL MORE PROGRAMMATIC DETAIL OUGHT TO BE FEASIBLE, INCLUDING PROPOSED COUNTRY COST SHARES. MOREOVER, SUCH PROGRAMMATIC DETAIL IS REQUIRED WHERE APPROPRIATE PRIMARILY FOR THOSE KEY PROGRAM EMPHASES AGREED TO BY DPC. MANY OTHER PROPOSALS NEED NOT BE SPELLED OUT IN SUCH DETAIL. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT EWG HAD AGREED TO THIS COVERAGE IN ITS DISCUSSION OF THE FORMAT FOR THE 1 MARCH TASK FORCE REPORTS, ALTHOUGH IT LEFT OPEN FOR SUBSEQUENT DECISION, APPARENTLY NOT YET TAKEN, THE EXACT DETAILS OF THE SPREADSHEETS.

3. BASED ON CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFTELS OVER THE
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INABILITY OF TASK FORCES TO LAY OUT THEIR KEY RECOMMENDATIONS IN PROGRAMMATIC DETAIL, MISSION SHOULD RAISE ITS CONCERN WITH PANSA AND SUGGEST THAT EDITORIAL BOARD ASSURE ITSELF THAT TASK FORCES WILL, IN FACT, BE ABLE TO RESPOND, MORE OR LESS BUT HOPEFULLY MORE, TO EWG EXPECTATION THAT REPORTS WILL SERVE AS A USEFUL BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A RECOMMENDED LONG-TERM PROGRAM, FOR NATIONAL REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE THIS SPRING. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, EWG MUST CONSIDER POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION NOW RATHER THAN IN MARCH.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE RELIANCE ON TASK FORCES AND AN EDITORIAL BOARD IS UNIQUE TO THIS CASE AND HENCE NEITHER WASHINGTON NOR THE MISSION HAS PRECEDENTS TO GO BY IN ASSESSING OR ASSISTING PROGRESS BETWEEN FORMAL REPORTS. THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF A RECOMMENDED LONG-TERM PROGRAM IS SUCH THAT WE MUST RELY ON MISSION TO FOLLOW-THROUGH IN BRUSSELS AT THE EARLIEST SIGN OR FEAR OF DIFFICULTY, USING ITS INFORMAL RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND THE TASK FORCES, AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS WITH PANSA. NATO HAS ASSEMBLED FORMIDABLE TASK FORCES INCLUDING MANY

OF THE BEST AVAILABLE US EXPERTS. WITH THE COOPERATION
OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP
WITH SOME QUITE SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS.

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